



Operations and actions of the EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste

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EU Platform on Food Losses and Food Waste: overall role

Aims to support all actors in:

- defining measures needed to prevent food waste
- fostering inter-sectorial cooperation and
- sharing best practice and results.

⇒ **Help accelerate progress towards SDG 12.3**

EU co-operation in fighting food waste

Key challenges for Commission are to ensure that:

- **all actors** are involved, from farm to fork
- **EU action** complements/adds value to Member State initiatives
- **learning and best practice** are shared effectively, including international experience

⇒ **Precondition: ensure food and feed safety**
prevention of food waste cannot jeopardise human or animal health



Harness expertise and foster co-operation between all players

- Member States/EFTA countries
- EU bodies (CoR, EESC) and international organisations (FAO, OECD, UNEP)
- Actors in the food value chain. (37 private sector organisations selected following public call for applications)
- Observers: Norway, Food SCP Round Table
- Additional experts may be invited on *ad hoc* basis to contribute specific expertise with respect to a subject matter

What results do we expect the Platform to deliver?

- A **forum of exchange** on food waste prevention plans, measurement and results achieved in the EU Member States.
- Identification, sharing, replication/"scale-up" of **food waste prevention "solutions" and business cases**
- Input, advice, expertise to support **Circular Economy food waste prevention action plan** and deliverables

What is excluded from the scope of the Platform's work?

- The Platform on FLW is not a regulatory committee
- Platform provides expert advice on:
 - Horizontal issues : identify opportunities for FW prevention across the food value chain and facilitate inter-sectorial cooperation
 - Implementation of EU policy, legislation and programmes in relation to food waste prevention
 - Where relevant, facilitate preparation of policy initiatives
- Platform's work is without prejudice to role of relevant Standing Committees and expert groups convened in context of preparation of delegated acts

Key priorities – feedback of members

- Reflect Circular Economy Action Plan, eg:
 - food waste measurement
 - food donation
 - date marking
 - sharing of strategies/best practice/business cases
- Further interests:
 - Awareness/information campaigns
 - Education and training
 - Monitoring of secondary resources
 - Innovation and research
 - Roadmap including agenda and (financial) instruments to achieve SDG 12.3

How will the Platform operate?

- Plenary meetings: 2/year (2017 - tbc: 14 June, 7 November)
- Sub-groups to examine specific issues and report back to Platform
 - Proposal: food donations; food waste measurement
- Digital Platform will be established to facilitate contact and information exchange with/between members and progress work in key areas (eg Knowledge Communities)

Functioning of sub-groups

- Operate in compliance with COM rules on expert groups
- Members will be invited by COM based on their expertise, previous work and interest in subject
- Maximum of 25 participants (public and private entities – 50/50 split)
- Participation of member organisations only; however not limited to experts attending Plenary meetings

Thank you